

FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE

JOHNSON KING OF 'EM ALL, SAYS GRIFFITH



WALTER JOHNSON, AS HE APPEARS ON THE BENCH AND IN ACTION.

When the season of 1913 closes, Walter Johnson, the pitching phenom of the Washington Senators, will be crowned the king of twirlers by the loyal subjects of fandom, according to Manager Clark Griffith, who is depending chiefly on Johnson to win the 1913 pennant at the national capital. Johnson's wonderful feat performed the very first month of the season during which he twirled 56 successive innings without allowing a single opposing batsman to score, is the convincing argument with which Griffith backs up his prediction.

In a previous statement regarding the ability of Johnson, Griffith declared that his great twirler had never extended himself to the limit in a game, that he had never shot his fastest ball across the plate for the approval of an opposing batter. The shrapnel speed of Johnson's fast balls is the terror of even the most daring batters on the other teams in the American league, and members of the New York Giants who battled against him in the spring series declare that the big Swede can uncork more speed than any major league

twirler since the days of Amos Rusie. Johnson's contract expires at the end of this season. He is worth more money than he is now getting and he intends to ask for it before signing a new contract. Hence, his anxiety to make an unusually good showing this season. He wants to make the kind of a record that will force his club owners to accede to his demands without hesitation. His team mates say that the rangey speed ball artist will this year exceed Joe Wood's 1912 record of 34 victories to 5 defeats.

PIPING ROCK'S LARGE PURSES

New York, May 24.—In the hope of making their course one of the centers of amateur racing in America, the board of directors of the Piping Rock Racing association has announced that purses and plate worth in the neighborhood of \$75,000 will be distributed among the winners at the two race meets to be held on the track this year.

In this work they have been ably assisted by men in all parts of the

country, as well as by the co-operation of several well-known patrons racing and breeding in Canada. For three years to come each of these men will tender either a purse of a plate, which means that the program will be something new in the annals of racing either in this country or any other.

The dates for the spring meeting are June 6, 7, and 9, when purses valued at \$35,000 will be awarded to the winners.

Chinese laborers in Manchuria make 20 cents a day.

PENNSY'S TEAM FOR BIG REGATTA

Ithaca, May 24.—Coach Charles Courtney has announced that his final selections for the junior varsity crew that will row against Pennsylvania on Memorial day are: Ornelassi, bow; Gracer, 2; Ellins, 3; Reeves, 4; Munoz, 5; Nichols, 6; O'Brien, 7; Brooks, stroke and Murray, cox.

He also stated that the four-oared crew to be entered in the Intercollegiate Regatta at Poughkeepsie will be made up as follows: Brown, bow; Bird, 2; Thatcher, 3; Wiscock, stroke.

PHILLY IS A HAPPY TOWN

Fans of Quakertown Are Celebrating the Success of the Phillies and Athletics—Gossip and Review of the Major Leagues

(BY MONTY.)

New York, May 24.—Philadelphia, O happy town, glee is thy name. While other cities are filled with weeping, wailing and gnashing of molars, the fans of Quakertown beam forth smiles of bliss for their prizes, the Athletics and Phillies, are winning games. For over three-fourths of the time

since the season began both clubs have been in first place, and the way they loom up at present make it appear not improbable that they will be there when the baseball year ends. The Athletics look like a sure thing for the honor just now and the Phillies like a ding good bet.

To many the Phillies have been a surprise, but to those who have watched closely the progress of the team in the last few years, they appear simply to be coming into their own. A hard hitting and steady fielding infield has been kept intact for the past three years. Luderus, Knabe, Doolan and Lobert have played consistently good ball all the way. The catching staff has been practically the same for two seasons, with Manager Doolan and Killifer doing the bulk of the work, and the pitching staff and outfield are vastly improved. Also tremendously superior substitutes have been lined up. Consider then the fact that for three-fourths of the way the Phillies led the race of 1911 and that they fell only when broken legs, suspensions and sickness decimated their ranks. This team, much better than the one of that time, is considered a surprise only among those who fail to take cognizance of things as they are.

Doolan has one of the most wonderful pitching staves ever gathered together, when its members are in their stride, which they certainly are at present. Seaton, Alexander, Chalmers, Moore, Riley and Mayer are gems of the first water, the Brennan and Nelson are useful on occasion. The Giants and Pirates at the start of the season seemed to have the best bunches of hurlers extant, but Marquard and Toseau, the expected leaders of New York corps, have gone to pieces apparently and the Pittsburgh mound-men all seem to have suffered kinks in their arms. During the first month of the pennant gallop, the pitching of the Phillies was so good that an average of three runs a game scored by the Quakers would have been enough to grab victory in more than half of the contests.

One thing that has figured prominently in the success of Doolan's tribe to date has been its knack of winning the close games. Whenever the team lacked about one run of enough to win, when the final innings came along there almost always has been some sturdy batsman who would step up and slam out one particular hit that brought in the deciding tallies. Lobert, Luderus, Cravath and Knabe have figured particularly strongly in this class of clutch batting and the high standing of the team at present is due largely to their delivering in the crucial moment.

The Phillies did not lose a single

one of their first six series of the year. The best showings made by any of their rivals were by the Cardinals and the Braves, which escaped with ties, the former taking two and dropping two, and the latter splitting up at one apiece. The Dodgers, Giants and Pirates were whaled unmercifully, the last year's champions taking the count in two series.

The Athletics have been winning their games in a way entirely different from that of the Phillies. Neither has shown mediocrity in any particular department, but the Phillies' margin over rivals has been largely in the pitching. The Athletics have encountered pitching almost equal to theirs, but have outfielded and outbatted the rivals. Also theirs is more team play in the ranks of the Connie Mack crew. The Athletics, however, do not seem to be as well fortified against disaster as the rival Sleepytown club. If injuries should overtake both clubs, Mack's men would suffer heavily, whereas the Doolites could send in substitutes able to hold up their end capably. But the Athletics seldom have been afflicted with injuries of any moment, and it seems likely that they will break better than their rivals in this respect again. The Red Sox have suffered from poor condition, thus far, and the Senators have been checked by injuries to Gandil and Foster. It may turn out, when the end of the year comes along, that the games lost in these early stages by the Red Sox and Senators may prove just enough to give the Athletics a clinch on the pennant. If the Pirates and Giants continue to average as low in effectiveness as they have thus far, the Phillies also will be fortune-favored.

Some time ago, when Chance had just been signed by the Yankees, the question was raised as to what would happen if New York should get a corner on world's series in future. It looks just now as though, if any town is going to corner the next world's series, Philadelphia has by several miles the best chance of doing so.



Manager Tinker, of the Reds, is collecting as many as possible of his old team mates. The latest one is John Kling, whom he has finally persuaded to sign a contract. This gives him the old battery of Brown and Kling, which should have many a good game left in it yet.

Kling was obtained from the Bos-

STAR OF AUSTRALIAN TENNIS TEAM



A. R. Jones, who is said to be the strongest of the Australian team that will next month engage the American team, composed of Maurice McLoughlin, Harold Hackett, Raymond Little and R. M. Williams, in the preliminary series for the Davis International Tennis Championship cup.

During the Australian's recent stay at Philadelphia, the sensational style of play shown by Jones in the exhibition games of the team caused tennis experts to compare his work with that of McLoughlin, the sorrell-haired Californian, who is the idol of American tennis enthusiasts.

ton Nationals, whom he managed last season. In exchange, Tinker gave \$4,000 and McDonald, and infielder. The Cincinnati team looks much better with an experienced catcher like Kling in their ranks, although Clarke is a catcher of sterling worth, but not able to catch all the games or coach the young pitchers as well as Kling. "Nolsy John" batted .317 last year, and expects to do better this season, as it will be his last, so he says, and will pass out in a blaze of glory.

IRISH-AMERICANS EXPECT TO WIN

New York, May 24.—Members of the Irish-American A. C. are looking forward to another big victory over the New York A. C. at the annual outdoor meet of the I. A. A. C. on Memorial Day at Celtic park. All

of the big athletic organizations in Greater New York will no represented at the meet, but the battle for the point trophy is seldom in danger of being won by any team except those entered by the Irish and the Winged Foot organizations.

The Irish-Americans will depend upon three stars to corral most of the points: Kiviat, in the middle distance events, Kolehmainen in the long runs and Pat McDonald in the weight throwing contests. With these three supported by a bunch of comers it is hard to concede the once aristocratic New York A. C. a chance of carrying off the honors of the day.

Minneapolis and St. Paul printers ask a seven-hour day and 64½ cents per hour for day work and 71½ cents per hour for night work. The present scale is \$24.00 a week for day work and \$27.50 for night work (eight hours.)

COACH RICE JUBILANT OVER COLUMBIA EIGHT



THE MEN ARE SEATED IN THE BOAT AS FOLLOWS: WILLIAMS, BOW; RUPRECHT, NO. 2; HADSEL, L. NO. 3; ROTHWELL, NO. 4; CLAGHORN, NO. 5; BISELL, NO. 6; MILLECK, NO. 7; CAPTAIN DOWNING, STROKE, AND WOOD, COXSWAIN.

New York, May 24.—After years of patient waiting Jim Rice, the veteran coach of rowing at Columbia university, believes that the season of 1913 will see his fondest dream realized. Said dream requiring that Columbia send an eight-oared varsity crew to the Intercollegiate Regatta on the Hudson next month that will be strong enough to take the measure of the fastest eight that William Courtney, the Cornell coach, can put on the water.

Courtney and Rice are old rivals at the rowing game, but to date the Ithaca sweeps master has had all the best of it. Season after season the eight and four that have been organized, coached and trained by Courtney have swept everything before them in the Poughkeepsie regatta. But Rice has intimated to a few friends that he feels that he will turn the tables on "Old Man" Courtney this time. He declares that this year Columbia has one of the strong-

est and best balanced crews that ever sat in a college boat.

Rice is especially proud of Downing, for whom he claims the honor of being one of the greatest strokes in the history of the game. "Downing is an ideal stroke," says Rice in speaking of his pet. "He has studied the game thoroughly, and has absolutely no faults. That race at Princeton last Saturday gave him the opportunity to show his class. When Navy and Princeton jumped into the

lead—by rowing their heads off with short shabby strokes that kept them going at 40 or over, he just settled down to the long easy swing, making the boys behind him put plenty of steam into their sweeps. This stroke was not exhausting, and yet the shell shot through the water at a great rate, running smoothly between strokes. The short chops of the Mid-dies and the Tigers kept their shells jumping and stopping all along the course.

"While Columbia did not get the jump on the two other shells our boat began to cut down the head of Columbia and Navy within ten strokes from the start. That was Downing's work. He did not get flustered because he was at a disadvantage, but settled down to catch up inch by inch. That his method was effective is shown by the fact that Columbia won with two lengths to spare and the boys all fresh as daisies."

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